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PROCEEDINGS

Thirty Second Annual Session

OF THE

PEARL VALLEY ASSOCIATION

HELD AT

LAUREL HILL CHURCH

October 7, 8, 9, 1922

PLACE OF MEETING:

Muscul Spring Church,

Saturday Before the Second Sunday
in October 1923.

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OFFICERS

REV. E. L. TAYLOR Moderator

J. S. CLARK Clerk and Treasurer

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF
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FIRST DAY SESSION.

On Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1922, the Pearl Valley Association met at Laurel Hill Church. The body assembled together by singing, and W. W. Spears preached the introductory sermon from the 15th Chapter of Mathew.

One hour was given for dinner, after which the body re-assembled by singing "Amazing Grace." Scriptural lesson was given by the Moderator from the 4th Chapter of 1st John. Prayer by C. C. White. The Moderator announced the body ready for business and appointed the committees as follows: Reading Clerks, W. W. Spears, B. Allen, and Walter Sharp. On Finance: J. Y. Wright, E. A. Tallison and R. N. Mooney.

The Moderator called the names of the churches and the Clerk enrolled the names of each church and delegates, as follows: 1. Remus, J. N. Whitney. 2. Oak Grove, W. E. Lane. 3. County Line, T. E. Goghlan, N. T. Sikes. 4. Mt. Olive, A. T. Smith, L. P. Beckham. 5. Good Hope, J. R. Cannon, H. R. Clark, J. W. Johnson. 6. Hinze, E. A. Tallison. 7. New Harmony, R. L. Pickle, W. L. Goldman. 8. Fellowship, S. M. Massey, Y. M. Edward. 9. White Oak, I. J. Blocker. 10. Mt. Pleasant, J. Y. Wright. 11. Laurel Hill, H. H. Barnett, Rush Wilcher. 12. Center Hill, T. C. Jolly, J. F. M. Winstead. 13. Mars Hill, W. T. Sharp, R. N. Mooney. 14. Mineral Springs, J. M. Barfield, B. L. Hodge.

New Harmony Church and Center Hill Church asked for a letter of dismission from this body; by motion of this body, we grant them a letter of dismission.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters and none came. Called for corresponding messengers and C. C. White and J. A. Grafton were seated as delegates from the Neshoba County Association and H. T. McLaurin from Newton County Association and the Moderator gave them the right hand of fellowship, in behalf of the body. By motion we elect our Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; and elected E. L. Taylor, Moderator and J. S. Clark, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: On Devotional

Exercises, Y. M. Edward, S. M. Massey and Matison Wilcher. On Queries and Requests, I. J. Blocker, N. T. Sikes. On State Mission, R. C. Barham, S. M. Massey. On Home Mission, C. C. White, J. K. Sistrunk. On Foreign Mission, Y. M. Edward, R. C. Barham. On Orphans Home, J. A. Grafton, H. A. Barnett. On Publication, W. T. Sharp, J. R. Cannon. On Prohibition, S. M. Massey, R. J. Johnson. On Sunday School, R. J. Johnson, I. J. Blocker, W. E. Lane. On Education, C. C. White, H. T. McLaurin. On Obituaries, T. E. Coghlan, W. J. Sharp. On Nomination, J. N. Whitney, J. W. Johnson, J. K. Sistrunk.

The Moderator called for the report on Devotional Exercises, which was as follows:

We, your Committee on Devotional Exercises report as follows: That I. J. Blocker conduct the Prayer Services Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m., and the Annual Mission Sermon by Jas. W. Jones at 11 a. m., and N. T. Sikes preach at two o'clock p. m.

Y. M. EDWARD,
S. M. MASSEY,
G. M. WILCHER.

By motion, we adjourn to meet Monday at 8:30.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body re-assembled by singing. Prayer service was conducted by I. J. Blocker, and at 11 o'clock a. m., the appointee, Jas. W. Jones, being absent, W. H. Rainer, preached the Annual Mission Sermon; read for a lesson, part of the 1st Chapter of Roman. After preaching the Moderator took up a collection for the following purposes:

For Association Funds	\$ 8.12
For State Mission	2.15
For Home Mission	2.33
For Foreign Mission	2.00
For Orphan Home	2.00

Total on Sunday \$16.60

One hour was given for dinner, after which the body came together by singing and prayer and N. T. Sikes preached from the 1st Chapter of John. After services we adjourned until Monday.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body assembled by singing, "How Firm a Foundation." Scriptural lesson was given by the Moderator from the 5th Chapter of 2nd Cor., then the body was announced ready for business. Abstract of Faith and rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk. By motion of this body, Bro. Rainer and Bro. Laird were seated as messengers from Mt. Pisgah Association.

The Moderator called the names of the churches, and thirteen answered the call. The Moderator appointed W. E. Lane, S. M. Massey and R. C. Barham to arrange the 5th Sunday Board Meeting for the next Association year. The Moderator called for the following reports:

On Queries and Requests.

We, your Committee, find no queries, but find two requests. Fellowship and Mineral Springs Churches asking for the next Association, so we recommend the next Association to be held with Mineral Springs Church, Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1923.

I. J. BLOCKER,
N. T. SIKES, Chairman.

On State Missions.

Christ was the first Christian Missionary. He was the greatest Missionary the world has ever known. He even left his place in glory and came to this world as a missionary; came to seek and save that which was lost. He taught us by word and example to be missionaries, and if we follow him, we too, will in our teaching, in our preaching and in our practice be missionaries.

The Mission work within the State has made great progress during the year, while the contributions in many places have not been as good as last year. Some churches have not put forth the effort that they did last year. Every member of every Missionary Baptist Church should have a part in this great work.

During this year the State Board has helped 155 churches in the payment of pastors salaries. This in places where the church really need help to reach their possibilities for service, \$2000.00 being used for this purpose.

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and \$1,800.00 has been given to the aid of church building.

God has wonderfully blessed us this year, so let's help take care of His great work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. BARHAM,
S. M. MASSEY.

Report On Home Mission.

The Home Mission Board is doing a great work. The work of the Home Board is very greatly enlarged and because of a heavy decrease in cash receipts during the past year, a heavy indebtedness has been incurred, but by reducing the appropriation the work wherever possible and with the increase in receipts the indebtedness is being reduced. There were last year, a total of 1,188 missionaries, who supplied 3,131 churches under direction of the Home Board. These workers delivered 166,445 sermons, made 236,992 religious visits, baptized 56,164, received 83,994 additions to the church, organized 305 churches, built and improved 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday Schools.

Humbley submitted,

C. C. WHITE.

Report On Foreign Mission Board.

The Southern Baptist are doing work in sixteen countries. There are 622 churches in the foreign fields, with membership of 64,251. There are 206 of these churches self supporting. 375 of them own their houses of worship. They gave last year \$7.24 per member. So let us help all we can in Foreign Mission Work.

Y. M. EDWARD,
R. C. BARHAM.

STATE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS.

Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, J. R. Carter, Supt.

The Baptist Orphanage which was established twenty-five years ago

has cared for more than one thousand children, many of whom are now filling positions of usefulness in our state and other states. We have now in the home one hundred and eighty children, all of whom are in good health, and are being trained in many of the arts and vocations preparatory to a useful life; special attention being given to their mental, moral and religious training.

This Home is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Our people have been loyal in their support of our orphan children in the years past. They are now receiving their support through the 75 Million Fund, their prorata of which is just sufficient to meet their actual expenses if all pledges are paid. We urge our churches and Sunday Schools to pay up their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign so that our children may have their living. We would also urge that our people continue their donations of clothing, dry goods, groceries, and supplies of all kinds which help very materially in their support. We would also urge that our churches and people generally join with the forces that are now seeking to improve the sanitary, health and moral conditions throughout our state, and in so doing prevent the necessity of breaking up many homes, and separating children from their mothers.

H. A. BARNETT.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

We, your Committee on Publication report as follows: First, we urge you to read the Bible for it tells us of Jesus, and our duty, and that is what we ought to read to our children. We recommend the Baptist Record, which is our state denomination paper, and now goes into 10,500 Baptist homes. For Sunday School, we recommend the Southern Baptist Literature.

Humbly submitted,

J. R. CANNON,

W. T. SHARP.

Report on Prohibition.

This question of great importance has forged to the front and as a result we now have National prohibition. We have the laws, but the task

now is to see that these laws are enforced. In enforcing these laws three things are necessary: 1st. We need to put men in office who are not in sympathy with the whiskey forces. 2nd. We need to co-operate with our officers in locating the stills. 3rd. We need to create public sentiment so strongly against moonshining and blind tigers until whiskey cannot be made and sold in our communities. We owe it to ourselves, to our families, to our churches, to our country and to our God to suppress the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants.

S. M. MASSEY,

R. J. JOHNSON.

Report on Sunday School.

The great Commission says make disciples, baptize them, and then teach these baptized to observe "all things whatsoever, I have commanded you."

We would do well to begin our teaching with the baptized believers, as church members, as the above scripture commands.

Perhaps the one outstanding need in our schools today is to reach the senior and adult departments. New emphasis being given to these departments by having an organized department with a general secretary, who furnishes all the needed, and such other information as will contribute to the enlargement of these departments.

The Sunday School workers have visited one hundred and sixty-six churches, have delivered five thousand ninety-four awards, have held forty-six rural schools, there have been over one hundred additions to the churches in their work. We urge that every Baptist church have a Sunday School. Organize for the seniors and adults as well as for the primary department.

R. J. JOHNSON,

W. E. LANE,

I. J. BLOCKER.

Report on Education.

Man is made up of three segments, body, mind and spirit; all of which are capable of development. It is our Christian duty to develop these as far as possible. In this day when there is so much teaching of evolution

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and so many isms in the land, we need to stress Christian education that is based on the teachings and principles of Christ. We have four Baptist colleges within the state, that are trying to educate the moral and spiritual segments of our boys and girls as well as the mental. These are, Mississippi College for boys, Clarke College for boys and girls, and Blue Mountain and Woman's College for girls.

We baptist people need to send our boys and girls to these schools for their higher education. Every student who graduates in these schools must have taken the prescribed course in Bible.

In addition to these, we have three southern institutions for education of our preachers and missionaries. Let's pray for these schools, patronize them and pay our obligations to God to help support them.

C. C. WHITE,

H. T. McLAURIN.

Report on Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report as follows: We find the death angel has taken from our midst, the following: from Mt. Pleasant church: Sister Never Hallis; from Mt. Olive church, Sister Ada Stephens and Babe Ray; from Good Hope church, Sister Lesater Jolly. So let us know that God does all things well.

Humbly submitted,

W. J. SHARP,

L. V. COGLAN.

Report on Nomination.

We, your Committee on Nomination, report as follows: That I. J. Blocker preach the next introductory sermon and Y. M. Edwards his alternate and R. C. Barham preach the annual mission, and Jas. W. Jones his alternate. We recommend the following delegates to Executive Board: Remus, Leon Mooney; Mt. Pleasant, J. Y. Wright; White Oak, I. J. Blocker; Oak Grove, W. E. Lane; County Line, W. J. Sharp; Good Hope, H. R. Clark; Hinze, E. A. Tallason; Fellowship, R. T. Kennedy, Laurel Hill, Rush Wilcher; Mars Hill, R. N. Mooney; Mineral Springs, S. A. Wilson.

Humbly submitted,

J. N. WHINERY,

J. W. JOHNSON,

J. K. SISTRUNK,

Report on 5th Sunday Board Meeting.

We, your Committee, report as follows: First meeting of the Board is to be at Oak Grove Church, 5th Saturday and Sunday in October, 1922. Introductory sermon by R. C. Barham, subject to be discussed, "What is the Scripture or True Method of Mission," led by I. J. Blocker.

Second Meeting of the Board to be held at Fellowship Church, April 28-29. Preaching by N. T. Sikes, subject to be discussed, "Was King Saul a Regenerated Man or Not," led by Y. M. Edward.

Third meeting of the Board to be at East County Line Church, July 28th and 29th. Preaching by I. J. Blocker, subject to be discussed is, "Tithing Approved by the New Testament," led by S. M. Massey.

Fourth meeting of the Board to be held at County Line Church, September 29th and 30th. Preaching by J. L. Russel, subject to be discussed, "What is the Best Method to Build our Association to a Self Sustaining one," led by N. T. Sikes.

Humbly Submitted,

W. E. LANE,

R. C. BARHAM,

S. M. MASSEY.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our Faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of unity among churches of the same Faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, to-wit:

1. We believe in one Triune God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.
2. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only true rules of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity, in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature consequently the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor

of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling. And being justified along through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—that man Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction He made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and has required all men to repent and obey.

7. We believe the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinners in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have been baptized upon a profession of Faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord and one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and law giver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until the second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to

the work by imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regular baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make public profession of Faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members of the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing her body; but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches, to inquire into any difficulties between the churches and to remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general, advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church or individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and the dictates of their own conscience, and this right shall never be called in question in this Association and any motion whereby this right is questioned shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same Faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not have the privilege of

voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all money which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Pearl Valley Baptist Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying to their appointment by their respective churches, stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship and such other statistical matter as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places; if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office discharge the duties ordinarily incident to these offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates until her number shall exceed one hundred; three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty then four and no more.

7. This Association shall neither answer nor debate any question on

gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and shall be considered by the Association except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, unless ordered at that time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decisions may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition. In case of a tie the Moderator shall cast the deciding vote.

16. Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the Minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Mod-

erator, as soon as the Association convenes on the second day.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

Licentiates and their Address.

J. A. Neiman, Marydell, R. 1; T. M. Rushing, Edinburg, R. 2; S. M. Massey, Philadelphia, R. 5; S. A. Wilson, McCool, Miss.

Ordained Ministers and their Address.

R. C. Barham, Dixon, Miss.; N. T. Sikes, Neshoba, R. 1; E. L. Taylor, Ethel, R. 3; Y. M. Edward, Philadelphia, R. 5; I. J. Blocker, Edinburg, R. 2; J. L. Russell, Dixon, Miss.; C. A. Jennings, McCool, Miss.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	ADDRESS
Remus	Jas. W. Jones	J. S. Clark	Marydell, R. 1.
Oak Grove	John W. Jones	W. E. Hill	Plattsburg, R. 2.
County Line	R. C. Barham	S. J. Coghan	Edinburg, R. 2.
Mt. Olive	A. N. Thomas	L. P. Beckham	Philadelpia, R. 4.
Good Hope	W. H. Rainer	W. T. Tullas	Philadelpia, R. 5.
Hinze	C. A. Jennings	G. W. Hinze	Philadelpia, Miss.
New Harmony	A. E. Lucas	B. L. Pickle	Philadelpia, R. 8.
Fellowship	A. N. Thomas	J. D. Townsend	Philadelpia, R. 5.
White Oak	Jas. W. Jones	Jonnie Barrett	Edinburg, R. 2.
Mt. Pleasant	E. L. Taylor	C. C. Stone	Center, R. 1.
Laurel Hill	R. J. Johnson	Magie Barnett	Dixon, Miss.
Center Hill	John W. Jones	J. F. M. Winstead	Philadelpia, R. 1.
Mars Hill	A. E. Lucas	F. M. Goolsby	Edinburg, R. 2.
Mineral Springs	Tom Carrol	Zack Barfield	McCool, Miss.

CHURCHES	County	Sunday School	No. Minutes	Litentiates	Ordained Ministers	Total Members	Females	Males	Dead	Excluded	Dis. by Letter	By Letter or Res.	By Baptism	Time of Meeting
Remus	Leake . . .	2	1	1	..	33	55	88	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oak Grove	Neshoba . .	4	3	1	12	..	40	42	82	..	..	..	..	..
County Line	Neshoba . .	4	1	..	1	..	10	21	31	2	1	..	..	..
Mt. Olive	Neshoba . .	4	1	..	1	..	2	22	18	40	..	..	..	..
Good Hope	Neshoba . .	2	8	4	7	3	1	76	47	123	..	..	..	..
Hinze	Winston . .	4	..	3	..	..	19	20	40	..	..	..	..	..
New Harmony	Neshoba . .	3	5	1	12	..	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..
Fellowship	Neshoba . .	3	10	5	4	..	27	30	57	1	1	12	1	..
White Oak	Neshoba . .	3	10	9	..	..	29	39	68	1	..	15	1	..
Mt. Pleasant	Leake . . .	3	..	..	..	..	1	24	60	84	..	..	12	..
Laurel Hill	Neshoba . .	2	7	4	..	2	..	..	29	1	..	6	..	..
Center Hill	Neshoba . .	1	16	3	3	..	..	..	84	..	..	12	1	..
Mars Hill	Leake . . .	1	4	5	5	..	36	48	84	1	..	10	..	..
Mineral Springs	Attala . . .	1	..	2	2	..	41	48	89	1	1	10	..	..
Total		..	65	35	50	5	4	357	228	932	7	4	145	..

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	ADDRESS
Remus	Jas. W. Jones ...	J. S. Clark	Marydell, R. 1.
Oak Grove	John W. Jones ...	W. E. Hill	Plattsburg, R. 2.
County Lane	R. C. Barham ...	S. J. Coghlan ...	Edinburg, R. 2.
Mt. Olive	A. N. Thomas ...	L. P. Beckham ...	Philadelpia, R. 4.
Good Hope	W. H. Rainer ...	W. T. Tullas ...	Philadelpia, R. 5.
Hinze	C. A. Jennings ...	G. W. Hinze ...	... Hinze, Miss.
New Harmony ...	A. E. Lucas ...	B. L. Pickle ...	Philadelpia/R. 8.
Fellowship X ...	A. N. Thomas ...	J. D. Townsend X	Philadelpia, R. 5.
White Oak	Jas. W. Jones ...	Jonnie Barrett ...	Edinburg, R. 2.
Mt. Pleasant ...	E. L. Taylor ...	C. C. Stone ...	Center, R. 1.
Laurel Hill	R. J. Johnson ...	Margie Barnett ...	... Dixon, Miss.
Center Hill	John W. Jones ...	J. F. M. Winstead ...	Philadelpia, R. 1.
Mars Hill	A. E. Lucas ...	F. M. Goolsby ...	Edinburg, R. 2.
Mineral Springs ..	Tom Carrol ...	Zack Barfield ...	... McCool, Miss.

CHURCHES

CHURCHES	County	Time of Meeting	By Baptism	By Letter or Res.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Total Members	Ordained Ministers	Litellates	No. Minutes	Sunday School
Remus	Leake . . .	2 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	33	55	88	1	1	15	1
Oak Grove	Neshoba . .	4 3 1	12 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	40	42	82	1	1	10	1
County Line	Neshoba . .	4 1 . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	10	21	31	2	1	11	1
Mt. Olive	Neshoba . .	4 1 . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	2	22	18	40	1	1	6	1
Good Hope	Neshoba . .	2 8 4	7 3 1	76	47	123	1	76	47	123	1	1	17	1
Hinze	Winston . .	4 . . .	3 . . .	19	20	40	1	19	20	40	1	1	9	1
New Harmony	Neshoba . .	3 5 1	12 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1 . . .	1	1	33	1	1	1	1
Fellowship	Neshoba . .	3 10 5	4 . . .	27	30	57	1	27	30	57	1	1	12	1
White Oak	Neshoba . .	3 10 9	1 . . .	29	39	68	1	29	39	68	1	1	15	1
Mt. Pleasant	Leake . . .	3 . . .	1 . . .	24	60	84	1	24	60	84	1	1	12	1
Laurel Hill	Neshoba . .	2 7 4	2 . . .	1	1	29	1	1	1	29	1	1	6	1
Center Hill	Neshoba . .	1 16 3	3 . . .	1	1	84	1	1	1	84	1	1	12	1
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Remus	\$ 5.00	\$.75	\$ 1.63	\$.95	\$ 2.35	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.68
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County Line	3.00	.50	.50	.50	.50		5.00
Mt. Olive	3.60	1.00	.50		1.00		6.10
Good Hope	7.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	2.00	38.00	22.00
Hinze	4.00						4.00
New Harmony	1.00						1.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT 1921-1922

Name of Association Pearl Valley

State Mississippi

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No. of Churches: 14

No. of Baptisms: 60

Present membership: 932

No. of Sunday Schools: 4

S.S. enrollment: 4

No. of B.Y.P.U.s: 1

B.Y.P.U. enrollment: _____

No. W.M.U. Societies: _____

Amount contributed by W.M.U.s: \$ _____

Home purposes contributions: \$ _____

75-Million, all missions,
education and benevolences: \$ _____

Total contributions: \$ _____

Total value of church property: \$ _____

Clerk of Association: J. S. Clark

Address of Clerk: Marydell Miss R 1

Moderator of Association: Rev. E. L. Taylor

Address of Moderator: Ellis Miss R 3

Pearl Valley

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PROCEEDINGS

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October 11, 12, 13, 1924.

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Mark Hill Leak, M. M. Miller, W. T. Sharp.

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Kosciusko Association and Brother E. A. Breland from Oktibbeha Association and Brother S. M. Massey from Neshoba County Association came forward as delegates and the Moderator gave them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

By motion we elect our Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, and elected Rev. E. L. Taylor as moderator and J. S. Clark as clerk and treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises, A. C. Townsend, Mat Townsend, C. A. Smith and E. A. Breland.

On Queries and Requests, M. M. Miller, R. C. Barham, N. T. Sikes.

On State Missions, L. M. Phillips, N. T. Sikes.

On Home Missions, R. C. Barham, Z. K. Gilmore.

On Foreign Missions, C. A. Jennings, Y. M. Edwards.

On Orphan Homes, L. E. Lighley, Lane Taylor.

On Publication, J. R. Davis, E. A. Breland.

On Prohibition, H. R. Clark, S. M. Massey.

On Education, R. C. Barham, Z. K. Gilmore.

On Sunday School, N. T. Sikes, J. J. Whinery.

On Nominations, J. B. Jones, C. A. Jennings, E. C. Pope.

Call for report on Devotional.

We, your Committee on Devotional, report that N. T. Sikes conduct prayer services at 10 o'clock and the appointee, C. A. Jennings, preach the annual mission sermon at 11 o'clock, and J. R. Davis preach at 3 o'clock.

Humbly submitted,

A. C. TOWNSEND,

MAT TOWNSEND,

C. A. SMITH,

E. A. BRELAND,

Committee.

SECOND DAY SESSION—SUNDAY.

The body assembled together by singing. Prayer service was conducted by N. T. Sikes. Read for a lesson the third chapter of Acts, after which the annual mission sermon was preached by C. A. Jennings. Lesson read in our hearing, first chapter of Mark. Used for a text the 19-20th verse of the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew, after which the Moderator took up a collection for the following purposes:

For Associational Funds.....	\$ 5.16
For State Missions.....	3.00
For Home Missions.....	4.76
For Foreign Missions.....	2.07

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For Orphan Homes..... 9.55

Total collection on Sunday.....\$24.54

One hour was given for dinner, after which the body reassembled together by singing. Preaching by J. R. Davis, also a lecture by Brother Lowery. Service closed until Monday, 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY SESSION—MONDAY.

The body assembled together by singing and prayer. Scripture lesson by the Moderator from the fourth chapter of St. John. Then the body was ready for business.

Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk. The Moderator called the names of each church. Nine answered to the call. By motion, we seated Brother Rainer from the Mt. Pleasant Association and Brother Thomas from Oktibbeha Association, and Brother Wells from Neshoba County Association, who were given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator in behalf of our body.

The Moderator appointed W. O. C. Taylor, Y. M. Edwards and J. A. Hollis a committee to arrange the program for each fifth Sunday Board meeting for the next associational year. Then the following reports were called for and read, discussed, and by motion, adopted as follows:

Report on Queries and Requests:

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests, find no queries, but two requests. Remus Church and Mars Hill Church asking for the Association. We recommend that the next Association be held at Mars Hill, Leake County, Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1925.

M. M. MILLER,
N. T. SIKES,
R. C. BARHAM,
Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our Savior said to the disciples and their successors: "Ye are My witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the world." The whole wide world is the field, but for the sake of convenience, we have divided our work into State, Home and Foreign Missions.

The State Mission work in Mississippi is being done by the General Association and the State Convention in preaching the gospel in destitute places and helping weak churches. Much of the destitution has been supplied but a great deal remains yet to be done.

Your committee would recommend that the churches make as

liberal contributions as possible to our work, especially State Missions. Send all monies to the General Association or to our secretary, Rev. J. W. Rooks, Laurel, Miss.

L. M. PHILLIPS,
N. T. SIKES,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Baptists of the world love liberty so much they suffered imprisonment and death in many instances and persecution by the state church more than half a century. God has honored this noble principle of our spiritual foreparents to the need of our day like passion for lost men and women and for the advancement of the cause of Christ. The Home Board made a great report. In Kansas City last May at the convention the receipts for the year were \$1,002,193; 180,490 sermons, made 250,980 visits; much other work 1,200 missionaries who supplied about 3,000 churches. These work-10,551 baptisms—30,770 last year (1923). There were last year they did. So let us give them a helping hand.

Humbly submitted,
R. C. BARHAM,
Z. K. GILMORE,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following: The word "foreign" as applied to missions clearly designates that part of mission work carried on by Southern Baptists. There are over 3,000,000 white Baptists in the South with about 13,000 ordained ministers. The Southern Baptists are doing work in sixteen countries. There are about 700 in the foreign fields of labor. Membership is 75,250; about 200 of these churches are self-supporting; 400 of them own their houses of worship. They gave last year about \$8 per member. We sent up last year in all a total of about \$28.75. We have increased about 20 per cent this year. Our Master says go preach the gospel to all nations.

Humbly submitted,
C. A. JENNINGS,
Y. M. EDWARDS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

The Baptist Orphanage which for many years has been under the management of J. R. Carter, is now in its twenty-eighth year of

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existence. It cares for about 200 children who otherwise would be desolate. These children are educated and trained for a useful life, special attention being given to their mental, moral and spiritual life. The shortage of crops this year has made the needs of the or-
sponse from our churches and people to come to their help they will phanage keenly felt and known and unless we can have a liberal re-
feel keenly the sting of poverty. So we urge our people to be more liberal in their gifts and our pastors to take offerings of money and other things which can be used in the orphanage and send to the su-
perintendent of the orphanage, Dr. J. R. Carter, Jackson, Miss.

Humbly submitted,

J. E. LIGHTSEY,

LANE TAYLOR,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publication, report as follows: Realizing that we, as a denomination, need more information, not that we do not know the truth, but that we need to know more of the truth. The sanctity and purity of our homes depends largely on the literature we allow to invade our homes. There is such a tide of worthless literature today, out robed in disguised character with deception, dar-
ing in its influence, misleading in its influence, we, as a denomina-
tion, need literature that's safer, sound and flexible. Suffer nothing to come into our home circle that is impure unholy; suffer nothing to come into our home that will not impart strength to Christian character; and as we have a good fund of good literature saleable through our Baptist Book Store, located at Jackson, Miss., we recommend that we read our own literature, preferable to others. We recommend that we read the Baptist Record or the Western Record or the Old Baptist, all of which we recommend and submit.

Humbly submitted,

J. R. DAVIS,

E. A. BRELAND,

Committee.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

To the Pearl Valley Association:

We, your Committee on Prohibition, beg leave to report as follows:

The prohibition laws have become national, but we see moonshiners and bootleggers who are causing a great deal of serious

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trouble. So let us as Baptist brethren do all we can to help do away with it by having no association with those people and also indict all we can. We have 29,000,000 people on our side.

We remain yours for Pearl Valley Association,

H. R. CLARK,
S. M. MASSEY,

Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your Committee on Sunday School, report as follows:

We notice that there has been very little interest taken in Sunday school work. Only one church reported having a Sunday School. Dear Brethren, the Lord demands us to teach our children in the way that we would have them to go and we can't teach them anything better than a good Sunday school.

Humbly submitted,

N. T. SIKES,
J. J. WHINERY,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Man being composed of body, mind and spirit and capable of development, it is our Christian duty to develop them as far as possible as in our day there is so much teaching of education and sin is in the land. It is our duty as Christians to place more stress upon Christian education than ever before, and we recommend the Bible to be used as a textbook of all our schools as a safeguard against false teaching. We are proud of our schools of Mississippi. The Mississippi Baptists own and operate the following schools: Clarke College, located at Newton, Miss.; Blue Mountain College for Girls. Baptist of Mississippi help to support and maintain their South wide places of learning, the Baptist Institute at New Orleans, La.; the S. W. Seminary of Fort Worth, Tex.; and Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We, as Baptists, ought to patronize those schools and colleges and see that they teach no evolution to our boys and girls.

Humbly submitted,

R. C. BARHAM,
Z. K. GILMORE,

Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report as follows:

We find that the Death Angel has taken from our churches seven of our beloved brethren and sisters.

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From Mars Hill Church, Sister Bernice Willbanks.
From Remus Church, Sister S. A. McMurry.
From East County Line Church, Sister J. A. Lowe.
From Oak Grove Church, Brother Jay Hill.
From Mt. Olive Church, Sister Sarah Stephens.
From Good Hope Church, Brother Thomas Bradshaw and Sister Mollie Smith.

We find five more deaths this year in our association than last, but yet we feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us. So let us trust and serve our Lord more perfectly.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. JENNINGS,

H. B. CLARK,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows.

That Brother Lane Taylor preach the next introductory sermon and J. B. Jones, his alternate, and E. L. Taylor the annual mission sermon, and R. C. Barham, his alternate. We recommend the following delegates to the Executive Board:

Remus, J. J. Whinery; Oak Grove, W. E. Lane; County Line, T. V. Coghlan; Mt. Olive, L. P. Beckham; Good Hope, J. R. Canon; Hinze, E. A. Tollison; Fellowship, Y. M. Edwards; Mt. Pleasant, J. A. Hollis; Laurel Hill, Lee Carter; Mars Hill, Leake County, W. T. Sharp; Mars Hill, Winston County, Robert Sisson; Mineral Spring, J. M. Barfield; East County Line, W. J. Taylor; White Oak, J. B. Jones.

Humbly submitted,

J. B. JONES,

E. C. POPE,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FIFTH SUNDAY BOARD.

We, your Committee on Fifth Sunday Board, report as follows:

The first meeting of the Board will be held at Mt. Olive Church the fifth Sunday, 29th-30th of November, 1924. Introductory sermon by Lane Taylor, alternate, N. T. Sikes. Subject for discussion, "What Do We As Baptists Owe Our Lord," led by Y. M. Edwards.

A collection for relief funds.

The second meeting of the Fifth Sunday Board will be held at White Oak Church on the 28th and 29th of March, 1925. Introductory discussed, "Should Every Church Have a Sunday School: If So,

sermon by C. A. Jennings; his alternate, E. L. Taylor. Subject to be discussed, "Should Every Church Have a Sunday School: If So, Why?" led by I. J. Blocker.

A collection for relief funds.

Third meeting of the Fifth Sunday Board to be held at Mt. Pleasant Church the 30th and 31st of May, 1925. Introductory sermon by R. C. Barham; his alternate, R. A. Allen. Subject to be discussed, "Why Are We Baptists?" led by C. A. Jennings. A collection for relief funds.

Fourth meeting of the Fifth Sunday Board to be held at Mars Hill Church, Winston County, the 29th and 30th of August, 1925. Introductory sermon by Y. M. Edwards; his alternate, Lane Taylor. Subject to be discussed, "What is the Mission of the Gospel?" led by E. L. Taylor. A collection for relief funds.

Humbly submitted,

W. O. C. TAYLOR,

Y. M. EDWARDS,

J. A. HOLLIS,

Committee.

The Moderator called for the Report on Finance which was read by W. E. Lane and approved by the body. By motion of this body the reading of the Minutes was omitted, giving the clerk permission to correct and make such changes as he deems necessary.

By motion the following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people around Fellowship community for their kindness shown us during our stay with them.

Resolved, that the clerk have for his services \$25.

Resolved, that we send Rev. E. L. Taylor as a delegate from this body to the General Association and draw on treasury for said expenses.

There being no other business, by motion, this Association adjourned to meet at Mars Hill, Leake County, about four miles north of Edinburg, Miss. So let us trust in the Lord for a continuance of His love and mercy toward us that we may be spared to meet our beloved brothers and sisters on that day to worship our God in another Association in spirit and prayer.

REV. E. L. TAYLOR, Moderator.

J. S. CLARK, Clerk and Treasurer.

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ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our Faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of Churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of unity among Churches of the same Faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, to-wit:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only true rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity, in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling. And being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—that man Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction He made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of truth, that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and has required all men to repent and obey.

7. We believe the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have been baptized upon a profession of Faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord and one another in

brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the Church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until the second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regular baptized Church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make public profession of Faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible Church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every Church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each Church be an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs, and therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing her body; but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the Churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the Churches, and to remove them if possible; to give the Churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general, advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every Church or individual member of a Church, to support them according to their own views of duty and the dictates of their own conscience, and this right shall never be called in question in this Association, and any motion whereby this right is questioned shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence

when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same Faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all money which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the Churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Pearl Valley Baptist Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under Church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying to their appointment by their respective Churches, stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship and such other statistical matter as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office discharge the duties ordinarily incident to these offices.

5. If new Churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If orthodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every Church shall be allowed two delegates until her number shall exceed one hundred; three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. This Association shall neither answer nor debate any question on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the

Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and shall be considered by the Association except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.
9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes unless ordered at that time.
10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.
11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.
12. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.
13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.
14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.
15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition. In case of a tie the Moderator shall cast the deciding vote.
16. Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.
17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.
18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.
19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necessary.
20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.
21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.
22. The Association shall be opened with prayer.
23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator as soon as the Association convenes on the second day.
24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

PEARL VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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CHURCHES	COUNTIES	Time of Meeting	By Baptism	By Letter or Res.	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	No. of Ministers	Sunday School
Remus	Leake	4	5	1	2		1	32	63	95			12	
Oak Grove	Neshoba	1	2				1	28	34	62	1		12	
County Line	Neshoba	4					1	10	22	32	1	1	10	
Mt. Olive	Neshoba	4	1		4		1	30	26	56			3	
Good Hope	Neshoba	2	2	3	1	1	2			127	1		16	1
Hinze	Winston	4			2			18	21	39			8	
Fellowship	Neshoba	4	7	2	7			27	28	55	1		12	
Mt. Pleasant	Leak	4	1		11			23	53	76			12	
Mars Hill	Leak	1	6	1			1	38	46	84			8	
Mineral Spring	Attala	4			4			39	47	86	1		8	
East County Line	Winston	1			3	2	1	12	11	23	1		12	
Laurel Hill	Neshoba	2	2	2						40			8	
Mars Hill	Winston	4			3	2		7	10	17			6	
White Oak	Neshoba	3	26	10	39	6	7	296	405	861	2	1	139	1

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E. L. Taylor.....	Noxapaton, Miss.
R. C. Barham.....	Dixon, Miss., R. 1
N. T. Sikes	Neshoba, Miss., R. 1
Y. M. Edwards.....	Philadelphia, R. 5
C. A. Jennings.....	McCool, Miss., R. 4
Lane Taylor.....	Noxapaton, Miss.
R. A. Allen.....	Edinburg, Miss., R. 2
I. J. Blocker.....	Edinburg, R. 2
J. B. Jones.....	Philadelphia, R. 9

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T. M. Rushing.....	Edinburg, Miss.
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J. S. Clark
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CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	ADDRESS
Remus.....	Jas. W. Jones.....	J. S. Clark.....	Marydell, R. 1
Oak Grove.....	Lane Taylor.....	Homer Lane.....	Philadelphia, R. 9
County Line.....	E. L. Taylor.....	S. J. Coghlan.....	Edinburg, R. 2
Mt. Olive.....	A. N. Thomas.....	Albert Stephens.....	Philadelphia, R. 4
Good Hope.....	E. A. Brealand.....	W. T. Tullos.....	Neshoba, R. 1
Hinze.....	C. A. Jennings.....	G. W. Hinze.....	Hinze, Miss.
Fellowship.....	Egbert Brealand.....	J. D. Townsend.....	Philadelphia, R. 5
Mt. Pleasant.....	W. W. Spears.....	C. C. Stone.....	Center, R. 1
Mars Hill Leak.....	W. W. Spears.....	F. M. Goolsby.....	Edinburg, R. 1
Mineral Spring.....	E. A. Eakins.....	Zack Barfield.....	McCool, R. 4
East Co. Line.....	C. A. Jennings.....	W. J. Taylor.....	Ethel, R. 3
Laurel Hill.....	J. R. Johnson.....	Maggie Barnett.....	Carthage, R. 3
White Oak.....	Jas. W. Jones.....	J. R. Barrett.....	Edinburgh, R. 2
Mars Hill.....	I. J. Blocker.....	E. A. Adcock.....	Philadelphia, R. 10

CHURCHES	Association Funds	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Total Amount
Remus.....	\$ 3.75	\$ 2.25	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6.00
Oak Grove.....	4.00	2.00			1.00	7.00
County Line.....	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.40	9.40
Mt. Olive.....	.75	3.00	2.00		2.10	7.85
Good Hope.....	4.80	4.87	4.87	4.87	4.89	24.30
Hinze.....	3.50	1.00	1.50	.50	1.60	8.10
Fellowship.....	6.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.75	12.25
Mt. Pleasant.....	7.25					7.25
Mars Hill Leak.....	5.75	2.00			2.00	9.75
Mineral Spring.....	3.00		2.25		2.25	7.50
East County Line.....	3.00	.50	.50	.50	.50	5.00
Laurel Hill.....	3.50					3.50
White Oak.....	3.50	1.00	.45		.50	5.45
Mars Hill Winston.....	4.50					4.50
Total sent in.....	\$58.30	\$19.12	\$14.07	\$ 8.37	\$17.99	\$117.85
Collection on Sunday.....	5.16	3.00	4.76	2.07	9.55	24.54
Collection on Monday.....					8.67	8.67
Cash on hand.....	2.10					2.10
For Relief Funds.....						13.50
Grand Total in all.....	\$65.06	\$22.12	\$18.83	\$10.47	\$36.21	\$166.66

We have examined the treasurer's report and find same correct.

Humbly submitted,

W. E. LANE,

W. O. C. TAYLOR,

W. T. SHARP,

Committee.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.
of the Pearl Valley Baptist Association Held with Mars Hill
Church, Leake County, Oct. 10, 11, 12, 1925

FIRST DAY SESSION

On Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1925, the Pearl Valley Baptist Association met at Mars Hill (Leake) Church. The body assembled together by singing and prayer.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Lane Taylor, lesson read in our hearing the 17th Chapter of Matthew; used for a text the 18th verse of said chapter.

One hour was given for dinner after which the body reassembled together by singing. Scripture lesson was given by the Moderator from the 12th chapter of Romans and after prayer the Moderator announced the body ready for business and appointed the following committees: M. M. Miller and Chester Taylor as reading clerks, and W. E. Lane, Hayes Blocker and R. N. Mooney on Finance.

The Moderator called the name of each church and the Clerk enrolled the names of the churches and delegates as follows:

Remus—L. V. Mooney, J. J. Whinery.
Oak Grove—W. E. Lane, G. L. Taylor.
Mt. Olive—J. A. Stephens, Roscoe Wilkerson.
Good Hope—H. R. Clark, S. M. Massey, Houston Jonhson and James A. Webb.
Hinze—E. A. Tollison, C. J. Woods.
Fellowship—A. C. Townsend, Y. M. Edwards.
Mt. Pleasant—J. L. Casey, J. A. Hollis.
Mars Hill (Leake)—R. N. Mooney, F. M. Goolsby.
County Line—T. Q. Coghlan, Luckett Coghlan.
Mineral Springs—J. M. Berfield, W. K. McDaniel.

East County Line—J. C. Taylor, H. L. Burchfield.

Laurel Hill—Thurman Wilcher, Robert Clark.

White Oak—I. J. Blocker, J. C. Rushing.

Mars Hill (Winston)—Chester Nowell.

New Harmony—I. A. Rushing, B. L. Pickle.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters and Bro. I. A. Rushing and B. L. Pickle presented a letter from the County Association asking admittance into our body. The letter was read and by motion received and the Moderator gave the Brethren the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

Call for corresponding messages and Bro. E. A. Breland from Oktibbeha Association, Bro. L. M. Phillips from the General Association and Bro. W. W. Spears from the Neshoba County Association came as messengers and the Moderator gave them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

By motion we elected our Moderator and Clerk and Treasurer. Elected Rev. E. L. Taylor as Moderator and J. S. Clark Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises: R. N. Mooney, F. M. Goolsby and W. W. Spears.

On Queries and Requests, S. M. Massey and Y. M. Edwards.

On State Missions, L. M. Phillips and C. J. Woods.

On Home Missions, R. C. Barham and N. T. Sikes.

On Foreign Missions, E. A. Breland, Y. M. Edwards.

On Orphans Home, I. J. Blocker, and R. J. Johnson.

On Publications, W. T. Sharp and G. L. Taylor.

On Prohibition, C. C. White and L. M. Phillips.

On Education, R. C. Barham and H. R. Clark.

On Sunday Schools, Lane Taylor and N. T. Sikes.

On Obituaries, J. S. Clark.

On Nominations H. R. Clark and S. A. Mooney.

Call for report on Devotional.

We, your Committee on Devotional, report that Rev. E. A. Breland conduct the prayer services at 10 o'clock and the appointee, E. T. Taylor, preach the annual mission sermon at 11 o'clock, and Bro. L. M. Phillips at 2:00 o'clock.

R. N. MOONEY,

Committee: F. M. GOOLSBY,

W. W. SPEARS.

After the report on Devotional a song was sung and a collection was taken in behalf of Rev. E. L. Taylor. Collected \$25.35.

SECOND DAY SESSION—SUNDAY

The body assembled together by singing. Prayer service was conducted by E. A. Breland. Read for a lesson the 10th Chapter of Corinthians, after which the Moderator E. L. Taylor preached the annual Mission Sermon. Used for a text the 30th verse of the 19th chapter of St. John. After service a collection was taken up for the following purposes:

For State Missions.....	\$ 7.85
For Home Missions.....	4.15
For Foreign Missions.....	1.80
For Orphans' Home.....	8.05
For Baptist Hospital.....	4.00

Total collection on Sunday.....\$25.85

One hour was given for refreshments after which the body reassembled together by singing and prayer by R. C. Barham. L. M. Phillips preached, using for his text, Preach the Word. Service closed until Monday, 8:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY SESSION—MONDAY

The body assembled together by singing and prayer and as our Moderator was not present by motion we elected R. C. Barham as Moderator protem. Scripture lesson read in our hearing was 10th chapter of Acts. By motion abstracts of faith and rules of decorum were omitted being read. The Moderator called the name of each church and nine answered.

The Moderator appointed H. R. Clark, S. M. Massey and Y. M. Edwards to arrange the program for each fifth Sunday Board meeting for the next year.

The following reports were called for, read, discussed and by motion adopted as follows:

Report on Queries and Requests:

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests report that we find no queries but one request asking for the next association, so we recommend the next Association be held with Good Hope church, Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1926.

S. M. MASSEY,
Y. M. EDWARDS,
Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

For the sake of convenience our Mission work is divided into State, Home and Foreign Missions. This report deals with our State Mission work, the work that lies near our doors, and while the whole world and its need of the gospel is laid upon our hearts by our Lord, it seems to us that He put a little more stress upon the home work than the other when he said Ye Shall be Witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, the home town, and Judea, the State and Samaria, the nearest country, and to the uttermost part of the earth. The State Mission work of the General Association is done here in East Mississippi in supplying destitution, helping weak churches support their pastors and helping to build houses of worship as we are able. The Lord has blessed us so that we have not had to turn down one application from any needy field in the past two years. We are employing 19 Missionaries who are supplying 22 points and the Editor of the Mississippi Baptist is employed as a Missionary of the Board. Reports from the field are encouraging. We are requesting the churches to be more liberal in their offering so that we may enlarge our work.

Humbly submitted,

L. M. PHILLIPS.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention last year. Eighteen years ago the board's receipts that year were \$167,988.92. Receipts this year \$1,002,193.07. Then the Board reported 10,554 baptisms; this year 38,770. Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Board. It is our one great south-wide missionary agency and is the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire. While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before. There are millions of lost souls who need the gospel and it must be preached through the church of Christ.

Total workers engaged in different departments of work, 1439; churches organized, 176; total additions, 57,597; Sunday Schools organized, 622; church houses built and improved, 475; new churches aided by church building loan, 74.

The work has been above an average and we thank God for it.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. BARHAM,

N. T. SIKES.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The gospel brings the ordained means of God in saving those that will believe and the church being commanded to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and he that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Let us pastors preach mission duties to the churches of Christ as the churches have the responsibility resting on them. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. The Lord has wonderfully blessed His people this year in temporal things as well as spiritual things. Let us give to the Lord more liberally than ever before, as it is written it is better to give than to receive.

Humbly submitted,

E. A. BRELAND,

Y. M. EDWARDS.

REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME

The Baptist Orphanage, which for many years has been under the management of J. R. Carter, is now in its twenty-ninth year of existence. It cared for about 175 children who otherwise would be desolate. These children are educated and trained for useful lives, special attention being given to their mental, moral and spiritual lives. We are glad to know the Orphans Home is in good shape and the children are well cared for, but we urge each and every pastor to impress upon the mind of each member of every church which they serve the needs and necessities of this Home, and be ready at all times to respond to the needs that are necessary to keep this Home.

Humbly submitted,

I. J. BLOCKER,

R. J. JOHNSTON.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We your Committee report we, as Baptist people need to know more of the truth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we urge that we read that Bible more that we may better understand His

Holy Word. We recommend that every Baptist should take the Mississippi Baptist as our denominational paper.

Humbly submitted,

W. T. SHARP,
G. L. TAYLOR.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The Committee on Temperance was formerly supposed to discuss the use of intoxicating liquor but when it comes to discussing that subject the term prohibition should be used for no good citizen and especially no Baptist worthy of the name can afford to advocate the use of alcohol as a beverage at all. And yet it is a sad commentary around Baptist churches that some of our people buy and drink the stuff that this law breaking moonshiner makes. Our people should stand for prohibition of the traffic first, last and all the time and in every way possible help the officers of the law to put the man who makes the moonshine liquor and the man who sells it and that stuff called Jake out of business.

We should be temperate in all things; temperate in eating, working, sleeping, so that we may keep our bodies fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Humbly submitted,

L. M. PHILLIPS,
C. C. WHITE.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows: We know and to report that our churches have taken most interest in the Sunday School work than last year. So let each church report to the next Association a good Sunday School.

Humbly submitted,

LANE TAYLOR,

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is teaching in higher institutions of learning that our Lord through his greatness of which He himself was to love the Lord thy God with all thy mind, soul and strength and thy neighbor as thy self. It is our duty to place more stress upon Christian Education, so we recommend the Bible to be used as a text book

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Humbly submitted,

R. C. BARHAM,

H. R. CLARK.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, the Committee by motion report as follows: We find from looking over our Associational letters that the death angel has taken three members from our churches. From Mineral Springs church one but not named, one from Laurel Hill church but not named, one from Mars Hill (Winston) church not named. We feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us, so let us trust and serve Him more perfectly.

Humbly submitted,

J. S. CLARK.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nominations report as follows:

That R. C. Barham preach the next Introductory sermon. I. J. Blocker, his alternate and C. A. Jennings the Annual Mission sermon, his alternate, C. J. Woods. We recommend the following delegates to the Executive Board:

Remus—W. P. Mooney.

Oak Grove—W. E. Lane.

County Line—S. J. Coghlan.

Mt. Olive—J. A. Stephens.

Good Hope—W. T. Tullos.

Hinze—C. J. Woods.

Fellowship—A. C. Townsend.

Mt. Pleasant—J. A. Hollis.

Mineral Springs—J. M. Barfield.

East County Line—J. W. Eakins.

Mars Hill (Leake)—R. N. Mooney.

Laurel Hill—Robert Clark.

Mars Hill (Winston)—E. C. Adcock.

White Oak—I. J. Blocker.

New Harmony—I. A. Rushing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FIFTH SUNDAY BOARD

We your Committee on 5th Sunday Board Report as follows:
The first meeting of the Board will be held with New Harmony¹ church November the 28 and 29, 1925.

Introductory Sermon by Hughston Johnson, his alternate Y. M. Edwards.

Subject for discussion: What is the Best Method to Formulate or Stimulate our Association? Led by S. M. Massey.

Collection for Relief Funds.

Second meeting of the Board to be held with Remus Church January 30 and 31, 1926.

Introductory Sermon by Lane Taylor, his alternate R. A. Allen.

Subject for discussion: The Need of State Missions. Led by C. A. Jennings.

Collection for State Missions.

Third meeting of the Board to be held with Fellowship Church May 29 and 30, 1926.

Introductory Sermon by I. J. Blocker, his alternate E. L. Taylor.

Subject for discussion: The Duty of Deacons and Pastor to their Churches and Duty of the Churches to their Deacons and Pastor. Led by C. A. Jennings.

Collection for State Missions.

Fourth meeting of the Board to be held with East County Line Church, August 28 and 29, 1926.

Introductory Sermon by S. M. Massey, his alternate R. C. Barham.

Subject for discussion: The Baptist Church and its Place in the World. Led by S. M. Massey.

A collection for State Missions.

Humbly submitted,

H. R. CLARK,
S. M. MASSEY,
Y. M. EDWARDS.

The Moderator called for the report on Finance which was read by W. E. Lane and approved by the body.

By motion the Clerk was allowed \$25.00 for his services, also by motion the Clerk was instructed to have some associational letter blanks printed and draw on Treasurer for same.

By motion we send R. C. Barham from this body as a delegate to the General Association.

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people around Mars Hill community for their kindness shown us during our stay with them.

There being no other business, by motion this Association adjourned to meet at Good Hope church in Neshoba County about 6 or 8 miles Southwest of Philadelphia. So let us trust in the Lord for a continuance of his love and mercy toward us that we may be spared to meet our beloved brethren and sisters on that day to worship our God in another Association in spirit and prayer.

REV. E. L. TAYLOR, Moderator.

REV. R. C. BARHAM, Moderator Pro Tem.

J. S. CLARK, Clerk and Treasurer.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—PREAMBLE

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our Faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of Churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of unity among Churches of the same Faith form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, to-wit:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; the same in essence, equal in power and glory.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only true rules of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity, in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature and of man's ability to restore himself into the favor of God.
4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling. And being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—that man Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction He made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood become the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.
6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of truth, that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and has required all men to repent and obey.
7. We believe the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner in order to be saved must be born again.
8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

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GOSPEL ORDER

1. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have been baptized upon a profession of Faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord and one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the Church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.
3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until the second coming.
4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by imposition of hands by a presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.
5. We believe that immersion only is baptism and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.
6. We believe that none but regular baptized Church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.
7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make public profession of Faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members of the visible Church.
8. We believe it to be the duty of every Church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each Church be an independent body, and possesses the soul right to exercise and control its own affairs, and therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing her body; but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine or tolerate immoral practices.
2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the Churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the Churches, and to remove them if possible; to give the Churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and in general, advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.
3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every

Church or individual member of a Church, to support them according to their own views of duty and the dictates of their own conscience and this right shall never be called in question in this Association and any motion whereby this right is questioned shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same Faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all money which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the Churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Pearl Valley Baptist Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under Church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying to their appointment by their respective Churches, stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship and such other statistical matter as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office discharge the duties ordinarily incident to these offices.

5. If new Churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If orthodox and orderly,

shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every Church shall be allowed two delegates until her number shall exceed one hundred; three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. This Association shall neither answer nor debate any question on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing if required by a member, and shall be considered by the Association except it be withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes unless ordered at that time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any proposition. In case of a tie the Moderator shall cast the deciding vote.

16. Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association

risers.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator as soon as the Association convenes on the second day.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Lane Taylor.....	Noxapater, Miss.
R. C. Barham	Carthage, Miss., R. 3
S. M. Massey.....	Deemer, Miss.
C. J. Woods.....	Hinze, Miss.
E. L. Taylor.....	Noxapater, Miss.
O. A. Jennings.....	McCool, Miss., R. 1
Y. M. Edwards.....	Philadelphia, Miss.
B. A. Allen.....	Burnside, Miss.
I. J. Blocker.....	Edinburg, Miss., R. 2

LICENTIATES

Houston Johnson.....	Philadelphia, Miss., R. 2
T. M. Rushing.....	Edinburg, Miss.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	ADDRESSES
Remus.....	Jas. W. Jones.....	J. S. Clark.....	Marydell, R. 1
Oak Grove.....	Lane Taylor.....	W. E. Hill.....	Philadelphia, R. 9
County Line.....	E. L. Taylor.....	S. J. Coghlan.....	Edinburg, R. 2
Mt. Olive.....	S. M. Massey.....	Albert Stephens	Philadelphia, R. 4
Good Hope.....	E. A. Breland.....	W. T. Tullos.....	Philadelphia, Miss.
Hinze.....	C. J. Woods.....	G. W. Hinze.....	Hinze, Miss.
Fellowship.....	E. A. Breland.....	J. D. Townsend	Philadelphia, R. 5
Mt. Pleasant.....	W. W. Spears.....	C. C. Stone.....	Center, R. 1
Mars Hill, Leake...	W. W. Spears.....	F. M. Goolsby...	Edinburg, R. 2
Mineral Spring....	R. J. Johnston.....	Zack Barfield...	McCool, R. 4
East County Line..	C. A. Jennings.....	W. J. Taylor.....	Ethel, R. 3
Laurel Hill.....	R. J. Johnston.....	Maggie Barnett..	Carthage, R. 3
Mars Hill, Winston..	Lane Taylor.....	E. A. Adcock...	Philadelphia, R. 10
White Oak.....	Jas. W. Jones.....	L. O. McMurray..	Edinburg, R. 2
New Harmony.....	R. J. Johnston.....	I. A. Rushing...	Philadelphia, R. 8

CHURCH	COUNTIES	Time of Meeting	By Baptism	By Letter or Res.	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	No. of Minutes	Sunday Schools
Remus.....	Leake.....	4	3	2	5	1		82	62	94	1		16	1
Oak Grove.....	Neshoba.....	1	14	6	3			33	49	82	1		12	
County Line.....	Neshoba.....	4	1	1	1			10	22	32	1		8	
Mt. Olive.....	Neshoba.....	4	33	5	5	1		57	42	99		1	10	
Good Hope.....	Neshoba.....	2	20	8	3			61	89	150	1	1	17	1
Hinze.....	Winston.....	4	3	2	4			16	24	40	1		8	1
Fellowship.....	Neshoba.....	4	3	1	2			27	31	58	1		12	1
Mt. Pleasant.....	Leake.....	4	1		1			22	49	71	1		8	
Mars Hill.....	Leake.....	4	3		3			36	51	87	1		15	
Mineral Spring.....	Attala.....	2	3	1	4	1	1	37	48	85	1		15	
East County Line.....	Winston.....	1	8	6	2					25	7		15	
Laurel Hill.....	Neshoba.....	4	2	1				12	12	24			6	
Mars Hill.....	Winston.....	3	12	5	3	1	1	37	46	83	1		9	
White Oak.....	Neshoba.....	3											15	
New Harmony.....	Neshoba.....	102	38	36	5			3380	515	977	9	2	164	4

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CHURCH	Association Funds	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Relief Funds	Baptist Hospital	Total Amount
Remus.....	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.00	\$	\$	\$ 1.00			\$ 9.00
Oak Grove.....	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00			10.00
County Line.....	4.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.00			9.50
Mt. Olive.....	10.00	1.00	2.50		1.80			15.30
Good Hope.....	10.00	30.00	10.28	10.00	5.00			65.28
Hinze.....	3.50	1.50	3.70	1.50	1.50			11.70
Fellowship.....	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.50	2.00			13.55
Mt. Pleasant.....	5.00	2.00	1.25	1.30	1.50			11.05
Mars Hill, Leake..	15.00			10.00	5.65			30.65
Mineral Spring.....	8.35							8.35
East County Line..	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			8.00
Laurel Hill.....	5.00							5.00
White Oak.....	3.00	3.00			1.05			7.05
Mars Hill, Winston..	4.00							4.00
New Harmony.....	4.00							4.00
Total sent up.....	90.85	47.00	23.28	27.80	23.50			212.43
Collection Sunday..		7.85	4.15	1.80	8.05		4 00	25.85
Cash on hand.....					25.13			25.13
Grand Total in all.	90.85	54.85	27.43	29.60	31.55	25.13	4.00	263.41

We find Good Hope has paid \$43.15 for ministerial help.

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find same correct.

Humbly submitted,

W. E. LANE,
HAYS BLOCKER,
R. N. MOONEY.

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